

# DEPARTMENT CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

## LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE WARDS\* CALENDAR YEAR 2005

The average amount of time (length of stay) Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) wards spent incarcerated prior to their release to parole in 2005 is presented in Tables 1 and 2. Table 3 displays the length of stay on parole prior to removal from parole.

Note: This report does not include wards who were discharged from DJJ jurisdiction without having been on parole. In 2005, there were 366 such cases.

The 2005 **overall** institutional length of stay was 22.4 months, three months less than the average of 25.5 months in 2004.

The average length of stay for **first commitments only** was 34.2 months, almost a month longer than the 2004 figure of 33.4 months. Tables 1 and 2 further delineate the institutional length of stay for first commitments by sex, ethnic group, age at parole release, primary commitment offense, and Parole Hearing Board (formerly Youth Authority Board) category.

The average length of stay for parole violators re-released in 2005 was 7.0 months, two months less than the 9.0 months in 2004. The average length of stay for recommitments who were released in 2005 was 24.5 months, over a four month increase from the figure of 20.9 months in 2004.

A multi-year comparison of the average length of stay on parole is presented in Table 3. From 19.5 months in 1986, the average amount of time parolees spent on parole began decreasing in 1987 until it reached a low of 15.3 months in 1990. The average then began going up, and in 2001, the average length of stay on parole was 21.1 months, the highest in the past twenty years. In 2005, the average length of stay on parole was 20.9 months

\* Does not include length-of-stay information for cases housed in DJJ facilities under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1731.5(c).

TABLE 1  
INSTITUTION LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITMENTS  
RELEASED TO PAROLE IN 2005

By Selected Characteristics and Court of Commitment

CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS
TOTAL PAROLE RELEASES.....	1,786	22.4	1,757	22.5	29	13.8
Parole Violator Releases* .....	767	7.0	-	-	-	-
Recommitment Releases* .....	34	24.5	-	-	-	-
FIRST COMMITMENT PAROLE RELEASES.....	985	34.2	980	34.2	5	42.4
Sex						
Males .....	941	34.1	936	34.2	5	42.4
Females .....	44	36.0	44	36.0	-	-
Ethnic Group						
White .....	138	34.8	137	34.8	1	40.2
Hispanic .....	504	33.3	503	33.3	1	62.6
African American .....	289	36.0	287	36.1	2	31.7
Asian .....	29	25.8	28	25.1	1	46.0
Other .....	25	37.2	25	37.2	-	-
Age at Parole						
16 and under .....	17	17.5	17	17.5	-	-
17.....	64	23.1	64	23.1	-	-
18.....	198	23.4	196	23.3	2	31.1
19.....	314	27.0	314	27.0	-	-
20.....	222	37.4	222	37.4	-	-
21 and over .....	170	61.9	167	62.1	3	50.0
Board Hearing Category						
Category 1.....	30	82.1	30	82.1	-	-
Category 2.....	111	51.4	109	51.5	2	43.7
Category 3.....	86	43.4	85	43.1	1	62.6
Category 4.....	278	34.4	276	34.4	2	31.1
Category 5.....	283	27.8	283	27.8	-	-
Category 6.....	190	22.3	190	22.3	-	-
Category 7.....	7	20.6	7	20.6	-	-
Type of Offense						
Misdemeanor .....	7	17.4	7	17.4	-	-
Felony .....	978	34.3	973	34.3	5	42.4

\*Information by committing court not available.

TABLE 2  
INSTITUTION LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITMENTS  
RELEASED TO PAROLE IN 2005

By Primary Commitment Offense and Court

PRIMARY FIRST COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS
Murder 1st Degree .....	23	79.7	23	79.7	-	-
Murder 2nd Degree .....	6	89.4	6	89.4	-	-
Manslaughter .....	12	37.8	12	37.8	-	-
Robbery, Enhanced .....	60	38.4	58	38.3	2	42.3
Carjacking .....	33	41.4	33	41.4	-	-
Other Robbery Offenses .....	121	30.3	121	30.3	-	-
Assault to Murder .....	20	57.1	19	57.6	1	46.0
Aggravated Assault .....	173	35.2	172	35.1	1	40.2
Other Assault Offenses .....	86	27.2	86	27.2	-	-
Burglary First Degree .....	110	27.7	110	27.7	-	-
Other Burglary Offenses .....	38	24.5	38	24.5	-	-
Grand Theft .....	27	24.4	27	24.4	-	-
Auto Theft .....	41	23.4	41	23.4	-	-
Other Theft Offenses .....	20	24.2	20	24.2	-	-
Forcible Rape .....	24	54.2	24	54.2	-	-
Other Sex Offenses .....	90	45.4	90	45.4	-	-
Possession Hard Narcotic .....	10	22.5	10	22.5	-	-
Selling Hard Narcotic .....	5	24.2	5	24.2	-	-
Possession Marijuana .....	5	25.9	5	25.9	-	-
Selling Marijuana .....	2	35.9	2	35.9	-	-
Other Drug Offenses .....	10	19.6	10	19.6	-	-
Weapons .....	46	22.7	46	22.7	-	-
Arson .....	5	31.9	5	31.9	-	-
Extortion/Kidnapping .....	5	52.5	4	55.2	1	41.4
Miscellaneous Felony .....	9	22.4	9	22.4	-	-
Miscellaneous Misdemeanor .....	4	20.9	4	20.9	-	-
Escape Juvenile Facility .....	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 3  
PAROLE LENGTH OF STAY  
By Year and Type of Removal from Parole

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL REMOVED		NON-VIOLATION DISCHARGES		REVOCATIONS		VIOLATION DISCHARGES	
	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS
1986	3,941	19.5	1,307	24.4	1,634	14.4	1,000	21.7
1987	3,357	19.0	1,084	23.5	1,491	14.1	782	22.1
1988	2,721	17.7	935	22.4	1,105	12.3	681	20.1
1989	2,859	15.8	979	18.7	1,135	11.6	745	18.1
1990	3,277	15.3	1,070	18.5	1,346	11.4	861	17.2
1991	3,583	16.3	1,169	19.3	1,369	12.2	1,045	18.4
1992	3,188	17.1	1,070	20.4	1,202	12.3	916	19.5
1993	3,326	16.9	998	21.2	1,359	12.3	969	18.8
1994	3,317	17.5	989	21.6	1,487	13.0	841	20.4
1995	3,479	18.2	1,213	21.8	1,478	13.7	788	21.3
1996	3,451	19.2	1,384	23.1	1,268	13.5	799	21.5
1997	3,618	18.9	1,467	22.4	1,340	13.6	811	21.1
1998	3,542	19.3	1,511	22.0	1,204	14.7	827	21.0
1999	3,686	20.5	1,756	22.7	1,081	15.4	849	22.3
2000	3,021	20.1	1,191	22.8	1,080	15.3	750	22.7
2001	2,808	21.1	1,114	24.2	968	15.7	726	23.5
2002	2,733	20.1	1,058	23.8	996	14.6	679	22.6
2003	2,527	19.6	932	23.6	883	13.7	712	21.7
2004	2,508	20.6	955	26.4	863	11.8	690	23.5
2005	2,309	20.9	765	27.7	897	17.6	647	24.3